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(c) if so, whether the orders of the Board of Revenue will be placed on the table of this House;

(d) whether it is a fact that panchayats are not able to sell coupes following the 'working plans' and why they are so unable;

(e) whether it is a fact that for want of fuel coupes, the price of fuel has risen enormously of late and whether actual scarcity is felt to meet which casuarina fuel has to be brought from considerable distances and sold at high prices at Tiruvannamalai;

(f) whether it is a fact that these forests were mainly kept under Government control for the supply of fuel to the large pilgrim-centre of Tiruvannamalai;

(g) whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the feasibility of resuming the reserves now under the panchayats to ensure a steady supply of fuel to the town of Tiruvannamalai?

A.—(a) Kavuthimalai, Kannamandai, Radhapuram and Teppakadu reserves near Tiruvannamalai town were transferred to panchayat management.

(b) The reclassification was made by Government on the report of the Board of Revenue.

(c) A copy of the Board's report and the Land Revenue Commissioner's inspection notes are appended.[a]

(d) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(e) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(f) That was very probably the idea when these blocks were reserved. This is no reason why they should not serve that purpose under panchayat management.

(g) No.

Development of the sandalwood industry.

*2012 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total quantity of sandalwood produced by the Madras Government in the last three years year-war;

(b) what is the information in the possession of the Government regarding—

(i) the quantity of sandalwood produced by the Mysore Government and in the whole of India and (if possible) the world output of sandalwood for the said years;

(ii) the profit made by the Mysore State on its sandalwood compared with that of Madras;

(c) what are the places in the Presidency where sandalwood is being produced and what is their extent;

(d) whether Government will place on the Council table the report or scheme of Mr. Latham in regard to the development of sandalwood and the preparation of sandalwood oil by the Madras Government;

(e) why the scheme has been dropped;

(f) how many sandalwood factories the Government of Madras have; and

(g) why no steps are taken by Government to start a sandalwood-oil factory and develop the utilization of sandalwood on a large scale?

[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 1047-1048 infra.

A.—(*a*) 1925-26—641 tons.
1926-27—724 ,,
1927-28—677 ,,

(*b*) (i) No information is available.

(ii) Madras realized an average price of Rs. 1,365 per ton during 1927-28. There is no information about Mysore.

(*c*) Sandalwood is produced in the following districts of the Madras Presidency :—

1. Anantapur.	5. Coimbatore.
2. Cuddapah.	6. Mangalore.
3. Chittoor.	7. The Nilgiris.
4. Salem.	8. North Arcot.

Some beginnings are being made in Tinnevelly and Kurnool districts also. Information regarding the extent of the area has been called for.

(*d*) & (*e*) Information has been called for from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(*f*) None.

(*g*) There is already a private factory at Kuppam and the Government do not propose to start a factory of their own as it may result in competition with the private factory.

Permission to villagers to hunt wild animals in South Kanara forests.

*2013 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased, with reference to question No. 368 answered on 8th October 1928 regarding permission to villagers to hunt wild animals in the forests in South Kanara, to state the wild animals in shooting which discrimination is to be used and what is the nature of the discrimination that is to be used ?

A.—Discrimination has to be used in shooting Sambhur, Bison, Spotted deer and Barking deer. The shooting of the females of these species is absolutely prohibited.

Grant of lands in the Nilgiris for tea-planting.

*2014 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the area of forest reserve land in the Nilgiris district granted in 1927 and 1928 by Government or by the Forest department for tea-planting to various agencies and what those agencies are ;

(*b*) whether the Nilgiris Game Club has protested against the grant of forest land to planters ; if so, what action has been taken thereon ;

(*c*) whether there has been an increase of wild animals in the Nilgiris forests ; and

(*d*) what action Government have taken to check the devastation of crops by wild animals in the Nilgiris.

A.—(*a*) Information has been called for.

(*b*) A representation has been received recently. It is still under consideration.

(*c*) The Government has no reason to suppose so.

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